

Student Success Factor

Goal: To close student achievement gaps

- Provides additional funding to support student needs beyond the core amount
 - Proposed : 0.40 of Core Instructional Amount applied to PK-12 students eligible for Free and Reduced Price Lunch
- Based on research and methods used by more than 22 states
- Builds on the previous work and research done by RIDE and other stakeholders

FOUNDATION AMOUNT , POVERTY, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION WEIGHTS FOR NEW ENGLAND STATES

				Proposed
	<i>Connecticut</i>	<i>Massachusetts</i>	<i>New Hampshire</i>	<i>Rhode Island</i>
Curr.Foundation Amount	\$9,687	\$9,659	\$3,450	\$8,295
Poverty:				
Curr. Weight(s)	0.33		Aid to Dist based on % FRLP	0.40
Amount	\$3,197	\$2,619 Grade9-12	12-23.99%= \$863	\$3,318
		\$3,239 Grade1-8	24-35.99%=\$1,725	
			36-47.99%= \$2,588	
			48% or more = \$3,450	
Special Needs	Included in Foundation	Included in Foundation	\$1,856	Included in Foundation (See Attachment)
High Cost Special Needs	3.75 x foundation	4.0 x foundation	Categorical Fund distributed based on available funding	5.0 x foundation (TBD based on Data Analysis)
IDEA Funding:	(In Millions)	(In Millions)	(In Millions)	(In Millions)
Allocation	\$136.3	\$289.5	\$49.3	\$45.6
ARRA	\$137.5	\$289.0	\$49.8	\$46.1
Total Federal Special				
Education Funding	\$273.8	\$578.5	\$99.1	\$91.7
Data Source:	CT Dept. of Finance	http://finance1.doe.	www.ed.state.nh.us	
	Education Cost	mass.edu/seducation/	education/data/reportsand	
	Grant Program	CB_finance.html	statistics/state aid/adeq	
			aid/adeq aid 2010	

Special Education Needs & the Core Instruction Amount

The following items included in the Core Foundation provide services to Special Education students:

- 1) **Special Education Teachers** – This includes all types of special education teachers (general education with supports & services and special class teachers, both full and part time. Both wage and benefits costs, excluding retirement, are included;
- 2) **Substitute for Special Education Personnel;** Both wage and benefits costs, excluding retirement, are included;
- 3) **Teacher Assistants and Paraprofessionals** - Both wage and benefits costs, excluding retirement, are included;
- 4) **Hospital and Homebound Teachers;** Both wage and benefits costs, excluding retirement, are included as are the costs associated with purchasing these services outside of district staff.
- 5) **Third-party instructional services for special education students;**
- 6) **Intervention Specialists, Learning through Internship Coordinators, Child Outreach Screeners, Instructional Coaches, and Literacy Coaches;** Both wage and benefits costs, excluding retirement, are included as are the costs associated with purchasing these services outside of district staff.
- 7) **Nurses and medical staff;**
- 8) **Physical and Psychological Evaluation costs for instructional purposes;**
- 9) **Physical and Mental Health Services** that are not direct instruction;
- 10) **Activities associated with administering psychological tests and interpreting the results, gathering and interpreting information about student behavior, and working with other members on planning school programs to meet the special needs of students.**
- 11) **Evaluators, Social Workers, Therapists (all types including Occupational, Physical and Speech), Psychologists, Counselors serving specific program needs, Audiology services, and personal attendants; and**
- 12) **Instructional equipment and specialized assistive technology** and the associated costs of services contracts as well as repair and maintenance of this equipment.

Please note that all of the above services are provided to students based on their level of need. For those students who require a higher intensity of services, the additional Student Need weight will provide funds for that higher intensity.